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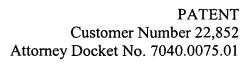
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted, considered, and/or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/843,769, filed April 30, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,623,584), upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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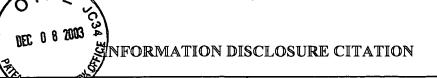
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